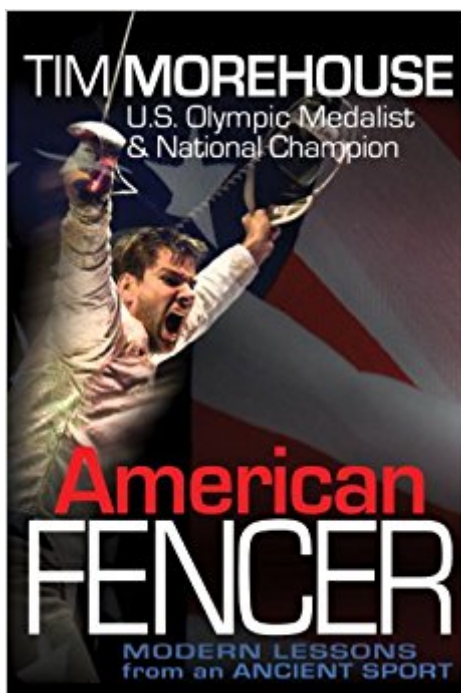


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American Fencer: Modern Lessons From An Ancient Sport



Synopsis

In his fast-paced memoir, written with best-selling author Garth Sundem, Olympic silver medalist Tim Morehouse describes his life's inspiring trajectory from a rough neighborhood in New York City to fencing halls around the world and eventually the Olympic podium. Using the Italian adage *Maestro di scherma, maestro di vita* (Master fencing, master life] as his compass, Tim shows us the hidden and sometimes dangerous underbelly of international saber fencing and shows how revelations on the strip can inform our lives, such as: Win the idea, lose the point. You can fence well and still be touched, but by measuring success by your actions and not the score, you can turn the tide of a match. "Close the distance. It's useless to shout a pickup line from across a crowded bar, and likewise, it's useless to feint cut Russia's Stanislav Pozdniakov from an inch too far away. The right move from the wrong distance is no move at all.

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"Tim's story is one for the ages. Even after ten years of competing side by side, I never cease to be amazed by his indefatigable will and hunger for improvement. An impossible goal is only impossible if you make it so, and readers can learn a lot from Tim's inspiring narrative about finding himself in life and in fencing." -Jason Rogers, 2008 Olympic Silver Medalist, Men's Fencing

Tim Morehouse, a New York City native (born July 29, 1978), is an Olympic silver medalist in

fencing (2008 Beijing Games), two-time individual U.S. National Champion (2010 and 2011), seven-time world cup medalist and number 1-ranked U.S. men's saber fencer from 2008 to 2011. He is the author of *American Fencer: Modern Lessons From an Ancient Sport*, founder and producer of the Fencing Masters Tournament (www.fencingmastersnyc.com), the largest spectator fencing competition in the United States and the only non-Olympic televised tournament in the United States. In 2011, he founded the Fencing-in-the-Schools foundation, a nonprofit program dedicated to bringing the sport of fencing to underserved communities throughout the country. He also is a media personality known for promoting the sport of fencing. He has been featured on the Today show, Access Hollywood, Good Day New York, MSNBC and Bloomberg News, and in Esquire magazine, Vanity Fair, USA Today, and the Sports Business Journal. In 2009, he taught President Obama to fence on the White House Lawn.

I purchased this book as a gift for my son, a high school fencer. I read the book after he finished. We could relate to so many of the stories that Tim told! Fencing requires mental strength (on the part of both the fencer and the parent). It was exciting and motivating to follow Tim's growth, both mentally and physically, throughout his Olympic journey. The exciting battles, on and off the strip, and the humor sprinkled throughout kept the book engaging and fun. Every fencer (and fencing parent), every athlete, and every sports psychologist could benefit from reading this book.

Really good book.(Finished it in two days)Morehouse may not be the best fencer out there but he had definitely written one of the best book about fencing.(and his life and so on)A very true story of a American fencer's life and if you are not from USA,this a story of being a American fencer.Every single feeling was so detailed that it was almost how some fencers felt when fencing.Also learnt a lot from the book.I see some ways in how Morehouse handled his problems on his way to the Olympics.From beginner to Olympian.Even picked up some Sabre moves since I had never tried it before.(I'm epee)All in all,whether you are a fencer or not,it is still a great book about a sportsman and his life which he had dedicated to fencing.

A story of immense determination, tenacity, and spirit. Tim Morehouse's journey embodies unbridled inspiration and unrelenting courage! A must read!

Excellent book. Tim did a great job of promoting the sport. It's also fun to watch clips of Tim on YouTube. He is truly a champion.

Great story with lots of anecdotes of his life and lessons he learned that can be transferred to your life outside sports.

This was the most authentic and inspirational sports biography read to date - with life lessons for all ages. A great read for athletes and parents - really for everyone interested in sports combined with history,

Excellent.

Tim Morehouse's enlightening story opens to the masses the inside world of a small sport that has been dominated by European professionals. This really is an underdog tale that ends in success. I highly recommend this book for young adults and teens for its excitement. And I recommend parents read this as well if they are interested in enrolling their kids in an exciting extra curricular activity that will not only motivate them and teach them life lessons like discipline and perseverance, but will keep them healthy as well. A MUST READ!!!!!!!!!!

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